

Larry; he fought diligently for investments in our communities and worked hard to pave a brighter future for Kentucky. In fact, Larry won the Republican nomination for governor in 1991 before Brereton Jones succeeded in the general election. Prior to his federal service, he was also elected to serve in both chambers of the Kentucky state legislature.

As a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he led the U.S. House Armed Services Committee with invaluable insight and expertise, leading the way for military modernization. He was a true patriot and champion for our U.S. Armed Forces on that committee.

Larry and I were close friends before arriving on Capitol Hill, often traveling together, and sharing stories from home and abroad. He deeply loved the people of Kentucky and worked tirelessly to improve this great Commonwealth. I count it a great honor to have called him a friend, and I send my deepest condolences to the Hopkins family.

SUPPORTING H. RES. 789, CENSURING REP. PAUL GOSAR OF ARIZONA

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, yesterday the House acted to discipline a Member for conduct that was unacceptable and in violation of all standards of decency and civility—conduct that brought disrepute to this institution. I joined 223 of my colleagues—Democrats and Republicans—in passing H. Res. 789 to officially censure Mr. PAUL GOSAR of Arizona and remove him from his assigned committees.

Mr. GOSAR recently posted on social media an animated video depicting him graphically killing a female Member of Congress—Rep. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ of New York—and violently attacking President Biden: Millions of people have seen this disturbing and violent video. Incredibly, Mr. GOSAR and 207 House Republicans excused this despicable act as “free speech” and “symbolic.” Producing and disseminating a video depicting the murder of a workplace colleague, of an elected federal official, and a fellow American is not symbolic—it is a threat that is intended to intimidate and inspire violence.

Rep. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ is a valued colleague who deserves to be treated with respect by all Members of Congress, even when political disagreements are significant. Mr. GOSAR’s use of official resources—paid for by American taxpayers—to depict the killing of a fellow Member of Congress is abhorrent, and it is conduct that was appropriately condemned by the House of Representatives.

This is not a complicated matter. If Mr. GOSAR had shared such a video targeting a colleague in any other workplace in America, he would have been immediately terminated. While Democrats and two Republicans condemned his actions, the Republican leader and more than 200 Republican members condoned his actions, defended his conduct, and made light of a death threat against a Member of Congress.

Have Republican Members of Congress become so craven that they do not know right

from wrong? Do my Republican colleagues not understand the signal this imagery sends to the American people, especially women and youth, that promoting violence—a male Member of Congress brutally murdering a woman, a female Member of Congress—is acceptable political speech? This video is not political or free speech, it is violent misogyny. The fact that it has been publicly defended by 207 Republican Members of Congress now makes such behavior part and parcel of the Republican playbook for how they intend to conduct themselves in the future.

As we all know, on January 6, 2021, a mob of thousands of insurrectionists attacked the U.S. Capitol to prevent Congress from affirming the election of Joe Biden as President of the United States. Mr. GOSAR did not refrain from embracing these insurrectionists and the violence that threatened the lives of Members of Congress, U.S. Capitol Police, and our congressional staff and workforce. Now Mr. GOSAR is again embracing violence to send a political message and achieve his political goals. It is reprehensible, and this behavior is destroying our democracy. I take Mr. GOSAR’s threat seriously because this conduct intentionally sends a signal to people who are more than willing to use violence to achieve political outcomes—as I experienced personally on January 6th.

Mr. GOSAR’s behavior demanded censure by the U.S. House. Furthermore, I strongly encourage federal law enforcement officials to investigate this matter further to determine if his actions reach a standard of criminal conduct that merit prosecution.

Every day I work as a Member of Congress in the U.S. House is an honor. Civility is not an option; it is a duty that is necessary if we are to govern and achieve our collective goals as Americans. Republicans and Democrats can disagree—strongly disagree—but we must always remember that we are all Americans, and the American people deserve our service and actions to be conducted with dignity and respect.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a great milestone for the Church of Philadelphia. On November 21st, the church will celebrate 40 years of ministry in Fort Worth.

The Church of Philadelphia has been a pillar of our North Texas community. This church celebrates the rich fabric of our community and welcomes people of all backgrounds to worship. Over the four decades since this church was founded by Pastor Gregory W. Spencer, the amount of growth that has occurred has been incredible. The Church has used their prosperity to give back to our community by helping all of those in need.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Church of Philadelphia on their great work so far, and wish them best of luck for what is yet to come as they continue to serve communities across Fort Worth.

HONORING JUDY L. ELLER

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Judy L. Eller of Peach Bottom, Pennsylvania for her more than forty years of federal service.

Judy got her start in the civil service through a work-study program with the Social Security Administration. From there, Judy would go on to hold a number of positions throughout our federal government with the United States Army, as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Beginning in 1980, Judy was employed at the U.S. Army’s Research Institute for Chemical Defense in Aberdeen, Maryland, where she worked alongside military personnel in handling and dismantling chemical agents.

After her time at Aberdeen, Judy began working for the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1986, first at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Erie, Pennsylvania and later at other VA Medical Centers across Pennsylvania and Maryland. The highpoint of her career with the VA came when she took the position of Multi-Site Research Compliance Officer for the Fourth Veterans Integrated Services Network. Judy stayed in this role for seventeen years, lasting up until her retirement this month.

We thank Judy for the many years of dedicated service she gave to our country and its veterans. We wish her a well-deserved and restful retirement.

HONORING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR GARY E. GRAHAM

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding military service of Command Sergeant Major Gary E. Graham who will be retiring this year after over 43 years of service in the Mississippi National Guard.

CSM Graham hails from Conehatta, MS where he lives with his wife, Julie, and their children, Micah, Jessica, and Layla. I want to take the time to thank his wife and children for their strength and support as a military family.

CSM Graham served a long and impressive military career beginning in 1978 when he attended Basic Training and AIT as a Wheeled Vehicle and Generator Mechanic at Fort Jackson, SC. CSM Graham mobilized and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003 until 2005. Upon his return from deployment, he mobilized once again and assumed the position of Task Force Magnolia CSM for Hurricane Katrina Operations. From 2006 to 2011, he was assigned as the Commandant of the 3rd NCO Academy. He was then reassigned as the 154th Regimental Training Institute CSM. In August 2011, he was hand selected for NATO HQ Sarajevo Command as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Military and Government leadership of the Balkan countries. From 2016 to 2017, he was appointed as the first Land Component Forces CSM. CSM Graham is currently

serving as the Garrison CSM for Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

For his outstanding service, CSM Graham has been awarded numerous prestigious awards, including the Bronze Star, Defense Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and many other federal and state awards.

CSM Graham perfectly embodies the official organizational march of the United States National Guard "Always Ready, Always There!" He is a true American patriot and I am honored to call him my friend and fellow Guardsman. Our military servicemembers deserve to be recognized for their commitment to our great Nation and I am grateful for his unwavering dedication to our country.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIFE APPLICATION MINISTRIES

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Life Application Ministries, which is celebrating 25 years of service to the community of Warren, Michigan.

Life Application Ministries is a historic African American congregation, inspired by enthusiasm to give back and share the love of God, and preserve morale and justice throughout the community. Life Application Ministries grew out of a bible study group that quickly garnered members throughout the 1990s.

In 1996, Bishop Adolphus L. Cast founded the ministry in a time where African American congregations were not as prevalent in the area. In moments of racial injustice, the church gracefully responded with endless love and compassion to the community. Bishop Cast's mission has been to bring racial and economic harmony to the city of Warren and his leadership has led to significant momentum in that effort over the last two and a half decades.

Throughout its history, the ministry has honorably served the Warren community with various community programs including annual food drives and blood drives, providing financial assistance to residents and businesses, assisting people in need of help with home repair and cleanup projects, as well as participating in larger city cleanup efforts. The church also offers shelter to residents in need through partnership with the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team.

One cannot recognize Life Application Ministries without acknowledging the remarkable leaders whose everyday commitment and dedication positively impact their members, our community, and beyond. I am proud to have the honor of recognizing Life Application Ministries today and to mark this quadricentennial event for the congregation. I encourage my colleagues to join me in offering congratulations to the entire Life Application Ministries community as they celebrate twenty-five years of ministry and service in Warren, Michigan.

HONORING RUSSELL COLOMBO

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Russell (Russ) Colombo as he retires from a distinguished career in financial services spanning more than four decades and culminating in his role as President and Chief Operating Officer of Bank of Marin.

Russ grew up in Marin County, CA where he graduated from San Rafael High School. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics and Business Management from the University of California, Davis and his Master of Business Administration in Banking and Finance from Golden Gate University. After twenty-nine years in banking at Comerica Bank, Security Pacific, and Union Bank in San Francisco, Russ joined Bank of Marin as Executive Vice President and Branch Administrator in 2004. After only a year at the company, he was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. As President and CEO since 2006, Russ led Bank of Marin's growth into a prominent business and valued community bank in Northern California.

During his 15 years at the helm, Russ has become the face of the Bank of Marin. Under his leadership, the Bank championed honorable values of high-quality service, community engagement, and employee wellbeing. Through his local relationship-building efforts and strategic planning, including four acquisitions, Russ oversaw the growth of Bank of Marin's assets by more than \$4 billion. Throughout this period of expansion, he continued to prioritize reinvesting in the local community. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Russ jumped in to meet the needs of the community, facilitating the lending of critical federal relief loans and protecting economic vitality in the region.

In a personal capacity, Russ continues to serve as Chairman of the Citizens Oversight Committee of Sonoma-Marina Area Rapid Transit (SMART). He is also a member and former board chair of the Board of the Western Bankers Association, and a former Audit Committee Member of Hanna Boys Center.

Through seasons of prosperity and difficult times, Russ never wavered from improving Bank of Marin's performance and its core mission of serving the local community. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in honoring Russ Colombo for his many years of effective professional and community service to Marin County and extending to him best wishes on his next endeavors.

SUPPORTING THE NUTRITION INITIATIVE TO REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES BY THE ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS AND THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION USA

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, in late September, leaders of the Na-

tional Baptist Convention USA and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (or the Academy) announced a strategic partnership aimed at reducing health disparities for African Americans.

African Americans suffer disproportionately from COVID-19 deaths and other nutrition-related health disparities. Increasing access to healthy foods and addressing nutrition as a social determinant of health that prevents diabetes, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure and obesity are the cornerstones of this partnership.

The joint initiative will consist of developing print and media resources that can be used in faith-based health ministries on issues such as diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, eating on a budget, and living with kidney disease. The National Baptist Convention USA will encourage member churches to incorporate these resources into new and existing programs and services, including workshops and seminars focused on biblical connections to food and nutrition.

I want to commend and thank Patricia Babjak, Chief Executive Officer of the Academy, Evelyn Crayton, a past president of the Academy and the current Chair of the National Baptist Convention Task Force on the joint nutrition partnership that is comprised of members from the National Organization of Blacks in Dietetics and Nutrition, as well as religious interest groups for their commitment and leadership to addressing health disparities. The Academy has worked closely on this significant initiative with National Baptist Convention USA President Rev. Dr. Jerry Young and Vice President Rev. Dr. William H. Foster, Jr.

This partnership recognizes the importance of enhancing the lives of African Americans and every racial and ethnic group by improving nutrition security. In my Congressional District, there are too many food deserts and places where it's easier to get access to guns than fruits and vegetables.

I urge us all to get behind this initiative, and I applaud the Academy and the National Baptist Convention USA for their lifesaving work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 I was unable to attend votes and missed Roll Call votes No. 374, No. 375, and No. 376. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call vote No. 374, AYE on Roll Call vote No. 375 and AYE on Roll Call vote No. 376.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL W. MACKAY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Master Sergeant Michael W. MacKay who will be retiring today from the United States Marine Corps after 20 years of distinguished service. Mike was